

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A depilation device ~~(1)~~ comprising:

a housing ~~(5)~~, and

a storage space ~~(14)~~ inside the housing ~~(5)~~, said storage space ~~(14)~~ being provided for accommodating a store ~~(15)~~ of depilation tape ~~(2)~~, said depilation tape ~~(2)~~ being provided with a hair removal medium that can be softened by heating and said depilation tape ~~(2)~~ can be taken from the store ~~(15)~~ and can be applied to the skin of a person, and

a heating device ~~(23)~~ to which the depilation tape ~~(2)~~ taken from the store ~~(15)~~ can be supplied in the longitudinal tape direction, by means of said heating device ~~(23)~~ the respective tape portion ~~(2A)~~ of the depilation tape ~~(2)~~ co-operating with the heating device ~~(23)~~ can be heated for the purpose of softening the hair removal medium before the depilation tape ~~(2)~~ is applied with its hair removal medium to the skin of a person, and

pressure means ~~(24)~~ which are arcuately shaped and arranged

opposite the heating device ~~(23)~~, by means of said pressure means the respective tape portion ~~(2A)~~ of the depilation tape ~~(2)~~ co-operating with the heating device ~~(23)~~ is kept applied to the heating device ~~(23)~~ along a contact zone parallel to the longitudinal tape direction.

2. (Currently amended) A depilation device ~~(1)~~ ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ comprising,

a housing, and

a storage space inside the housing, said storage space being provided for accommodating a store of depilation tape, said depilation tape being provided with a hair removal medium that can be softened by heating and said depilation tape can be taken from the store and can be applied to the skin of a person, and

a heating device to which the depilation tape taken from the store can be supplied in the longitudinal tape direction, by means of said heating device the respective tape portion of the depilation tape co-operating with the heating device can be heated for the purpose of softening the hair removal medium before the depilation tape is applied with its hair removal medium to the skin of a person, and

pressure means which are arranged opposite the heating device,
by means of said pressure means the respective tape portion of the
depilation tape co-operating with the heating device is kept
applied to the heating device along a contact zone parallel to the
longitudinal tape direction

_____ wherein the heating device ~~(23)~~ comprises a plate-shaped heating wall ~~(57)~~ which is designed for direct co-operation with the depilation tape ~~(2)~~, and wherein the ~~contact~~ pressure means ~~(24)~~ comprise at least two rows of brackets ~~(70, 71, 72, 73; 169, 170, 171)~~ extending transversely to the longitudinal tape direction of the depilation tape ~~(2)~~ with strip-shaped or wire-shaped contact brackets ~~(74, 75, 76, 77; 172, 173, 174)~~ arranged next to one another, which contact brackets are arranged opposite the heating wall ~~(57)~~ and by means of which brackets the respective tape portion ~~(2A)~~ of the depilation tape ~~(2)~~ co-operating with the heating device ~~(23)~~ is kept applied against the heating wall ~~(57)~~.

3. (Currently amended) A The depilation device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein three to six rows of brackets ~~(70, 71, 72, 73; 169, 170, 171)~~ extending transversely to the longitudinal tape direction with strip-shaped or wire-shaped contact brackets ~~(74,~~

~~75, 76, 77; 172, 173, 174)~~ extending next to one another are provided.

4. (Currently amended) A The depilation device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the contact brackets ~~(74, 75, 76, 77; 172, 173, 174)~~ are formed from a resilient material.

5. (Currently amended) A The depilation device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 4, wherein the contact brackets ~~(172, 173, 174)~~ are formed from a spring wire material.

6. (Currently amended) A The depilation device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the contact pressure means ~~(24)~~ comprise a plate-shaped support wall ~~(82)~~, the contact brackets ~~(74, 75, 76, 77)~~ being connected to said support wall ~~(82)~~.

7. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heating device comprises a plate-shaped heating wall which is designed for direct co-operation with the depilation tape, and wherein the pressure means comprise at least two rows of brackets extending transversely to the longitudinal tape direction of the

depilation tape with strip-shaped or wire-shaped contact brackets arranged next to one another, which contact brackets are arranged opposite the heating wall and by means of which brackets the respective tape portion of the depilation tape co-operating with the heating device is kept applied against the heating wall.

8. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 7, wherein three to six rows of brackets extending transversely to the longitudinal tape direction with strip-shaped or wire-shaped contact brackets extending next to one another are provided.

9. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the contact brackets are formed from a resilient material.

10. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the contact brackets are formed from a spring wire material.

11. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the pressure means comprise a plate-shaped support wall, the contact brackets being connected to said support wall.

12. (New) A depilation device comprising:

a housing, and

a storage space inside the housing, said storage space being provided for accommodating a store of depilation tape, the depilation tape being provided with a hair removal medium that can be softened by heating and said depilation tape can be taken from the store and can be applied to the skin of a person, and

a heating device to which the depilation tape taken from the store can be supplied in the longitudinal tape direction, the respective tape portion of the depilation tape co-operating with the heating device can be heated for the purpose of softening the hair removal medium before the depilation tape is applied with its hair removal medium to the skin of a person, and

an arcuately shaped bracket arranged opposite the heating device, by means of the arcuately shaped bracket the respective tape portion of the depilation tape co-operating with the heating device is kept applied to the heating device along a contact zone parallel to the longitudinal tape direction.

13. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the heating device comprises a plate-shaped heating wall

which is designed for direct co-operation with the depilation tape, and wherein the arcuately shaped bracket comprise at least two rows of brackets extending transversely to the longitudinal tape direction of the depilation tape with strip-shaped or wire-shaped contact brackets arranged next to one another, which contact brackets are arranged opposite the heating wall and by which brackets the respective tape portion of the depilation tape co-operating with the heating device is kept applied against the heating wall.

14. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the arcuately shaped bracket comprise three to six rows of arcuately shaped brackets extending transversely to the longitudinal tape direction with strip-shaped or wire-shaped contact brackets extending next to one another.

15. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the contact brackets are formed from a resilient material.

16. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the contact brackets are formed from a spring wire

material.

17. (New) The depilation device as claimed in claim 13, comprising a plate-shaped support wall, the arcuately shaped bracket being connected to said support wall.